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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
July 17, 2007**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber; Joe Carter, Road Supervisor; Mike Hoffman, County Planner; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Barb Reiter, Charlene Hall, Jennifer Wise, Pamela Cushman, Bruce and Jackie Wagner, Derek Williams, Ernie Kennison, Gary Zipperian, Sherry Zipperian, John Zipperian

REPORTS

Receipt of June expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 7/18 Fair Board budget - 8:30
- Justice Court budget - 9:00
- Facilities budget - 9:30
- Mike Waite - Denny Rehberg's office - 10:00
- Extension budget - 11:00
- Planning budget - 1:00
- DES budget - 1:30
- Clerk and Recorder budget - 2:00
- Commission budget - 2:30
- Sanitarian budget - 3:00
- 7/19 Safety Committee - 9:00
- 7/20 Meeting at Boulder City Hall re: engineering - 1:00
- MTAG - 5:00
- 7/21 Frontier Days - Whitehall
- 7/23 Meeting with Steve Huntington - DOR - 10:00
- BLM public meeting - Boulder - 7:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

ELKHORN GOLDFIELDS

Commissioner Weber reported that Elkhorn Goldfields held a public meeting Tuesday night to discuss the project with Elkhorn residents. He stated that it was a very positive meeting, and the

third in a series of meetings that they will be holding to keep the residents up-to-date with the project. Commissioner Notbohm stated that one of the biggest concerns is the road, but he feels that when the upgrades are completed the road will be much better and an advantage to the people.

SAFETY

Commissioner Weber reported that he and the new safety coordinator, Ed Krasinski, toured solid waste sites throughout the county so that Ed could familiarize himself with them.

BUDGETS

Commissioner Weber stated that the Solid Waste board met on Thursday night to have a budget work session. This week, the Commission is meeting with all departments to review the budgets for the coming year.

TRI-CO FIRE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he attended the Tri-Co fire meeting on Thursday. The main body of discussion centered around the current fire danger. Jefferson County is currently under Stage 1 restrictions. His concern is that the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest went to Stage 1 last week, but the Helena National Forest, part of which is in Jefferson County, did not. He expressed his concerns with the disparity at the meeting, and let them know that all of Jefferson County would be under Stage 1 restrictions. He stated that he got a call from Sally Buckles that morning to inform him that Lewis and Clark County and the Helena National Forest are now under Stage 1. Commissioner Weber stated that he spoke with State Lands, and they went to Stage 1 at the same time we did. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they have set up a protocol to have a conference call every Monday morning, so that everyone will be on the same page.

SOUTH HILLS RID

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he attended a pre-construction meeting with Bullock Contracting and Great West Engineering on Friday. The project is scheduled to start July 23rd.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - PONDEROSA RANCH MINOR SUBDIVISION

Mike Hoffman, County Planner, presented his staff report for this minor subdivision south of Clancy. The parcel consists of 91.16 acres which will be divided into five lots ranging in size from 14 to 25 acres. The developer has opted for cash-in-lieu of water storage. Mike recommended that final plat approval be granted.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to grant final plat approval. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSS FUNDING FOR FALL SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Jennifer Wise, Northern Jefferson County Spay/Neuter Task Force, stated that they had a very successful spring clinic, spaying or neutering 79 animals, 44 of which were in heat or pregnant. She said that the next clinic is scheduled for October, and will cost \$3000. This will pay for three vets, their supplies and support staff, as well as vaccinations for the animals. They have several fund-raisers planned for the interim, and they are asking that the county cover the difference between what they raise and what they will ultimately need. Jennifer noted that sometimes a program will get better support when it is new, and after thinking about this a bit, they might require help from the county more for the third clinic than the second.

Commissioner Weber asked if they have approached the towns of Whitehall and Boulder. Jennifer stated that this group covers pretty much everyone in the county but Whitehall, who has their own organization. A discussion followed of how best to allocate money from the County, and it was suggested that the task force write a request that the Commission can act upon.

SIGN DISPATCH AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF BOULDER

Commissioner Weber stated that the County handles dispatch services for the Town of Boulder, and this is a yearly contract for those services. Commissioner Weber moved to sign the contract. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS LAND SWAP BETWEEN COUNTY AND BRUCE AND JACKIE WAGNER OFFICE BUILDING

Bruce Wagner stated that they are proposing that the County exchange two lots south of town plus cash for the Wagner office building. This would be effective September 1, and they would lease back the building until their new building is constructed. They will need to discuss the amount of rent. Commissioner Notbohm asked if any figures have been discussed yet. Commissioner Weber stated that appraisals have been done on both pieces of property. Bruce stated that his building appraised for \$169,000, and the County's two lots for \$23,000. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he doesn't agree with the figures for that amount of land. Commissioner Weber stated that it would be appropriate to contact the appraiser and discuss why the property was appraised as it was. Bruce stated that it was a hard appraisal to do, as there are no city services or access to the lots; they are working with the city to get Thompson Street open. This is two acres of bare land versus a commercial property in town. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he sees what land is going for in the county, and it is hard to believe that this two acres would go for so little.

Commissioner Weber stated that this would be a great advantage to the County; the Treasurer's and Clerk and Recorder's offices are both running into space issues for both personnel and storage. The county is growing, and this will help us to grow and expand. They have some ideas of what rent is in town, and they will have some figures at the next meeting.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON DEVELOPER/PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY PLAT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR SHEEP MOUNTAIN 1, 2, 3 AND 4 SUBDIVISIONS, SPECIFICALLY SHEEP MOUNTAIN AND

OHIO GULCH ROADS

The developer has contacted the Commission office and requested that this item be tabled, as he is out of town dealing with family medical issues. After conferring with the Planning Department, this matter will be placed on the August 14 agenda.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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CLERK AND RECORDER

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